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Columbia:
The Utilization of Local, Small, and Disadvantaged
Business Enterprises***

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Good afternoon Chairman Orange, members of the Committee on Government Operations, Council members and staff. My name is Richard Jackson, Deputy Director for Operations for the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). It is a pleasure to testify before you today on behalf of Dr. Patrick Canavan, Director of DCRA regarding DCRA's compliance with D.C. Law 12-268, "Equal Opportunity for Local, Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Act of 1998" and our accomplishments in meeting our contracting goal for Fiscal Year 2004.

As you know, DCRA fully supports the LSDBE program. It provides the District Government and DCRA, in particular, with an avenue for the promoting local businesses and their continued development, as well as contributing to the overall economic growth and stability of our city and our citizens.

In FY 2005, DCRA again exceeded beyond the previous fiscal year's goal in local, small and disadvantaged business contracting. The fiscal year goal in 2005 was \$3,708,129 for LSDBE's, representing 50% of DCRA's FY 2005 expendable budget. By the close of the fiscal year, DCRA had contracted a total of \$7,362,560, exceeding our expendable budget by

\$3,654,430. This reflects a 198.6% achievement of our annual goal and clearly reflects our continued commitment to the program.

DCRA's FY 2006 goal is \$3,407,779 and we fully expect to meet this goal again. As always we will be happy to report the actual figures of our success throughout the year in our quarterly reports and our first quarter results reflect another successful year is on the way.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to discuss DCRA's efforts and success in this area. I will be happy to answer any question you may have.